

REMARKS

A ***substitute*** SPECIFICATION was prepared and submitted with the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004. Applicant made proposed corrections to certain of the DRAWINGS and a complete set of these DRAWINGS, showing the proposed corrections in "*red*" ink, was also submitted with the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004.

The Examiner previously rejected Claims 1 through 20 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Applicant amended Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, cancelled claims 16-20, and added new Claims 21-26, to overcome the foregoing rejections set forth in the *first* OFFICE ACTION, but the form of the amendment was objected to for not technically following *new* Section 121, 37 C.F.R. §1.121. This SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION provides the various claims, as described above, in the recommended format with the appropriate "claim identifiers", within parentheses, preceding the text of each claim as required by Section 121. In all other respects the claims remain unchanged from the text submitted with the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004. No new matter was added by any of the additional claims as all of the subject matter contained therein was incorporated in the various cited claims and portions of claims, and the Specification and Drawings, as originally filed.

In view of the earlier filed and foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that Claims 1-15, as originally submitted and/or as amended, are believed to overcome all of the technical rejections pursuant to Section 112 made by the Examiner and are believed allowable. New Claims 21-26, incorporating the parts of the identified originally filed claims, are also believed to

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

There are no further requested amendments to the DRAWINGS beyond those enumerated in the RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION filed on or about August 3, 2004.

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be allowable in view of the appropriate combination of function and elements. Reconsideration of the Claims, as originally submitted and/or as amended, in respectfully requested.

In view of the recently discovered fact that the earlier filed REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY was not entered in the application file, Applicant resubmits herewith a copy of the REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY, dated June 28, 2004, appointing the undersigned patent attorney as the attorney of record in this matter. **Acknowledgement of this APPOINTMENT is respectfully requested.**

For the reasons set forth above, entry of each of the amendments to the Claims and to the Drawings is respectfully requested. In view of the amendments to the Claims and the explanation concerning the correction of the claim language to meet all of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner in the most recent OFFICE ACTION, the submission of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION and proposed DRAWING corrections, favorable reconsideration of this application and an early NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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